

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2017**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on October 21, 2017. Chairman DeGidio called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present at roll call: Jimmy DeGidio, Mike Sabella, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Craig Kempel, Mike Doman, Keith Kolb and Walt Christensen. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Jamiel Doman, Dave DeGidio, Shelia Palinkas and Debbie and Rick Kutz.

II. Public Comment

Roger Rude was asking for considerations for improvements to the Town Launch as loading weed harvesting equipment onto the trailer is challenging due to large hole beyond the cement platform.

III. Approve Minutes of Last Meetings September 16, 2017

Draft minutes from the September 16, 2017, meeting were reviewed. *Kolb moved to approve the September 16, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Doman. Motion carried 7-0.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Board was provided copies of the treasurer's report prior to the meeting. Sabella distributed and reviewed financial reports for the end of the third quarter September 2017 to include a Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Equity, a Statement of Revenue and Expenses, the General Ledger and a transaction listing. Sabella noted that formatting of the documents is altered based on software used at Drews Tax who produced the documents. As of September 30, asset balances included \$200 in petty cash and \$129,952.01 in the checking account. Sabella relayed liabilities of \$659.69 consisting of staff expenses that are later paid in early October. A total of \$25,365.35 is held in restricted funds, with a fund balance of \$58,802.68. The district's current year to date revenue over expenses now listing as "net income" is \$45,324.29. A statement of Revenues and Expenses showed the 3 month period ending and 9 month period. Revenue for the 3 month period was \$42,149.56 which consisted of property taxes, interest income, and donations. Expenses including cost-share projects, grant expenses, weed harvesting and operations costs were reviewed totaling to \$33,452.98 for the 3 month period. Total revenue for the 9 month period was \$132,973.88 and total expenses for the 9 month period was \$80,281.21. A general ledger was presented for each budget category. A transaction listing was presented showing the details of individual disbursements. It was noted that the Actual to Budget statement was not included at this meeting, but will be included in the future once form formatting has occurred. DeGidio thanked Sabella for the thorough report and his attention to details with the new software changes.

VI. Lake Manager's Report

Griffin informed the Board of the outreach efforts including 3rd pontoon classroom for 20 Cambridge High School students and receipt of the Snapshot WI trail camera. It was noted that the weed harvesting season ended on 9/25 with 88 loads collected. Griffin relayed that Amy and Larry Gebhart rescinded their request for cost-share assistance for their wetland restoration. Seed heads were collected along the north prairie firebreak by staff, Gomez-Ibanez and volunteers. Information pertaining to non compliant cost-share properties were discussed along with a grant reimbursement request for 2017 Clean Boats, Clean Waters costs. Griffin also relayed contacts with neighbors of the FEMA property and our request to not mow or store equipment at the site per FEMA deed restrictions. Tax levy information was discussed along with the drop of equalized value for the District. Future plans include the next edition of the *Ripples*, volunteer wood collection day, continued action on the wetland purchase, funding opportunities, wage analysis, 2018 CBCW Grant application and management plan updates.

VI. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action on Possible DNR Lands for Sale within the Watershed

DeGidio relayed that the survey is completed and are awaiting closing documents. Once received, it's anticipated to sign documents and provide payment. A November meeting with Ducks Unlimited is scheduled for grant opportunities with them. Sabella noted that a \$20,000.00 grant was received from the Cambridge Foundation.

